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Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the consideration provided to this application, and respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Claim 1 has been amended for at least one reason unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to explicitly present one or more elements, limitations, phrases, terms and/or words implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification, thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim; to detect infringement more easily; to enlarge the scope of infringement; to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.); to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest; to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments; to enlarge the royalty base of the claim; to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace; and/or to target the claim to a particular industry.

Each of claims 21-34 has been added.

Support in the application, as originally filed for the amendments to claim 1 as well as the subject matter for each of added claims 21-34 can be found at least at, page 4, lines 8-10; page 4, lines 18-21, page 4, lines 20-31; page 5, lines 10-11; page 6, lines 4-7; page 6, lines 15-24; page 7, lines 7-11; and U.S. Patent No. 5,596,263 (Zavis), which is incorporated by reference on page 4 of the present application, at col. 11, lines 6-8. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Each of claims 1-6 and 21-34 are now pending in this application. Each of claims 1 and 21 is in independent form.

The Obviousness Rejection

A Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated 27 April 2007 affirmed a rejection of each of claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of U.S. Patent No. 5,804,803 ("Cragun"), U.S. Patent No. 6,109,526 ("Ohanian"), and /or U.S. Patent No. 5,978,773 ("Hudetz"). Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections are inapposite in view of the present amendments to claim 1.

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Specifically, claim 1, from which claims 2-6 depend, states, yet the applied portions of the relied-upon references do not teach, "a predetermined product operatively coupleable to a programmable logic controller, the programmable logic controller operatively coupleable to a network, the programmable logic controller adapted to control an actuator, said indicator associated with said predetermined product and indicative of a network web page, a human/machine interface of the programmable logic controller adapted to display the network web page, the network web page associated with said predetermined product, the network webpage adapted to provide an updatable maintenance log, the network webpage adapted to provide an on-line product support help window, information provided via the on-line product support help window adapted to update the updatable maintenance log."

Consequently, a rejection of claim 1 is not supported by the applied portions of the relied-upon references. For at least this reason, an allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested. Also, an allowance of each of claims 2-6, each ultimately depending from claim 1, is respectfully requested.

Likewise, claim 21, from which claims 22-34 depend, states, yet the applied portions of the relied-upon references do not teach, a "predetermined product operatively coupleable to a programmable logic controller, said programmable logic controller adapted to control an actuator, said indicator associated with said predetermined product and indicative of a network web page, a human/machine interface of said programmable logic controller adapted to automatically display said network web page responsive to said indicator, said network web page associated with said predetermined product, said network webpage adapted to provide an updatable maintenance history log, said network webpage adapted to provide an on-line product support help window, information provided via said on-line product support help window adapted to update said updatable maintenance history log."

Consequently, a rejection of claim 21 is not supported by the applied portions of the relied-upon references. For at least this reason, an allowance of claim 21 is respectfully requested. Also, an allowance of each of claims 22-34, each ultimately depending from claim 21, is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

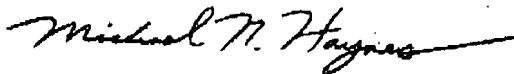
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It is respectfully submitted that the application is in clear condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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